GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURING OF RAIL ENGINES BY BHEL JHANSI
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of orders received by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Jhansi for the manufacture of engines during the last three years;

(b) whether the BHEL has increased its capacity, machines, other instruments used in the manufacture of engines and manpower but today it is at the verge of closure due to non-receipt of orders; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check its closure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) BHEL, Jhansi has not received any order for the supply of engines during the last three years.

(b) BHEL had earlier invested an amount of Rs.23 Crore in making a new block for production of locomotives and manpower strength of more than 500 were also deployed. Special purpose facilities were created for an installed capacity of 30 nos. locomotives per annum. These are largely lying idle. However, the general purpose machines and manpower are being deployed for other use with lower value addition resulting into low turnover and profitability of the unit.

(c) Matter has been pursued with the Indian Railways and others to help in utilizing these facilities.